

THE HONEYCOMB HERALD

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GROWING TOGETHER THIS MAY

May brings a steady, uplifting energy into the Hive.

It's a season where growth becomes more visible. In the classrooms, in the connections we build, and in the small, everyday moments that shape each child's experience. It's also a time to pause and recognize the people behind it all.

This month, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, a reminder of the care, patience, and dedication you bring into your classrooms every single day.

The impact of what you do goes far beyond routines. It creates safe spaces, builds confidence, and helps children thrive.

May is also a time to check in with ourselves and each other. To celebrate progress, support one another, and continue showing up with purpose.

Let's keep growing, supporting one another, and making every moment count.

Here's to a meaningful May in the Hive.

VOICES FROM THE HIVE

A MESSAGE FROM JILL BOWE, DISTRICT MANAGER – COLUMBUS

In May, we recognize a special week to appreciate you—but I want you to know how appreciated you are every single day.

Teacher Appreciation Week might put the spotlight on you, but at Clever Bee Academy, your impact shines all year long. You juggle mealtime, learning time, and those unpredictable "what just happened?" moments like pros, all while creating a fun, safe, and nurturing environment for every child.

And let's be honest—anyone who can redirect a toddler mid-meltdown deserves a standing ovation (and probably a coffee refill too).

Seriously though, what you do matters more than you probably hear.

You're shaping little minds, building confidence, and creating a place where children feel safe, loved, and ready to grow.

Even on the tough days, when nothing goes as planned, you still show up and make a lasting difference.

Clever Bee Academy runs on your dedication, your laughter, and your ability to keep everything buzzing smoothly—and that's something worth celebrating every single day.

– Jill Bowe



It's the little moments we create each day that make the biggest difference.

ROYAL BEE OF THE MONTH

This May, we're proud to spotlight Melissa Prigmore, Center Director at Arlington, who has been part of the Hive for over a year.

Melissa brings a strong sense of structure, reliability, and care into her center, creating a positive and welcoming environment for children, families, and her team.



Her passion for working with children grew after becoming a parent herself, leading her to pursue a path in childcare where she continues to make a meaningful impact every day. One of her proudest accomplishments is building a safe, home-like space where everyone feels supported.

Outside of work, Melissa enjoys relaxing at home, spending time with her kids, and unwinding with music or a good show. She has a love for organizing and decorating, enjoys Mexican food, and dreams of traveling somewhere tropical one day.

Her favorite motto, "Work smart, not hard," reflects her practical and thoughtful approach both in and out of the workplace.

BUZZ AHEAD

RECOGNITION, NOW IN FULL BLOOM

We're excited to officially launch Hive Honors this May, a recognition and engagement program that celebrates the everyday excellence that keeps our Hive thriving.

Hive Honors brings together several recognition initiatives designed to highlight different strengths across our teams. Through Honey Drop Rewards, team members are recognized on the spot for demonstrating Clever Bee Academy's core values in their daily work.

The Top Pollinator Award celebrates teachers who consistently demonstrate excellence in the classroom and create meaningful impact. The Steady Bee Award recognizes team members who show reliability through consistent attendance and punctuality.

The Hive Leader Spotlight honors Center Directors and Assistant Directors who lead with purpose and actively support their teams. At the center level, the Hive Harmony Award recognizes teams that foster excellence, collaboration, and a strong school-family culture.

Together, these initiatives create more opportunities to recognize meaningful contributions, celebrate one another, and strengthen the sense of community across our Hive.

More details on participation and rewards will be shared at the center level. For now, we're excited to begin celebrating you in even more meaningful ways.

Let's keep the Hive buzzing.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 4

Monica Chenault

MAY 7

Melvina King

MAY 8

Ronnaysha Smith

MAY 9

D' Audrey Holloway

MAY 15

Michelle Ehmann

MAY 17

Autumn Latham

MAY 18

Alesha Walker

MAY 19

Christal George

Lynnasia Freeman

MAY 21

Jean Verian

MAY 22

Shaleya Cabell

MAY 23

Kristie Baum

MAY 24

Melia Gibbs

MAY 31

Nevaeh Sawyer



SWEET & SAVORY SPOTLIGHT

LEMON LOAF CAKE



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp lemon zest
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

FOR THE GLAZE (OPTIONAL):

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2-3 tbsp lemon juice

PROCEDURE:

- Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Lightly grease a loaf pan or line it with parchment paper for easy removal.
- In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.
- In a separate bowl, beat the eggs and sugar until the mixture looks pale and slightly thick. Add the milk, oil, lemon juice, lemon zest, and vanilla extract, then mix until smooth.
- Gradually add the dry ingredients into the wet mixture, stirring gently until just combined. Avoid overmixing to keep the loaf soft.
- Pour the batter into your prepared loaf pan and smooth the top. Bake for 40-50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- Let the loaf cool in the pan for about 10 minutes, then transfer to a rack to cool completely.
- Add the glaze (optional but recommended) Mix powdered sugar with lemon juice until smooth, then drizzle over the cooled loaf for a bright, sweet finish.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 1

Tangie Lewis

Tameka Butler-Allen

MAY 5

Teaira Long

MAY 8

Ashley Clark

MAY 12

Heidi Jennings

MAY 13

Laurielle McFerson

MAY 19

Stacy Slagel

Kristen Hatfield

Michelle Ehmann

MAY 24

Nicole Crump

MAY 27

Caren McGinnis

MAY 30

Kathleen Grant

MAY 31

Tameka Yates

